

## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

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Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

March 19, 2015, 12:00 to 2:00 pm

West Basin's Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility

1935 S. Hughes Way

El Segundo, CA 90245

### *Attendance:*

Joan Cardellino

Liz Crosson

Fran Diamond

Susan Nissman

Micheal O'Leary

Sarah Sikich

Absent:

Gloria Gray

### *Staff:*

Tom Ford, Scott Valor, Marcelo

Villagomez

Guests: Laura Emberson,

Allison Hornstra, Timothy

Lippman, Damian Skinner

*Note: Agenda Items are listed in the order in which they were taken up. Called to order at 12:16 p.m.*

Micheal O'Leary chaired the meeting

### *Agenda Item 1. Public Comment*

None

### *Agenda Item 2. Informational Items*

- a. Consideration of Approval of January 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Approved, as amended, without objection (M: Sikich, S: Crosson)

- b. Order of Agenda

Unchanged.

- c. Reports from the Executive Director and Staff

Tom Ford discussed his trip to Washington DC for the annual meeting of the Association of National Estuary Programs and US EPA. Among issues discussed, Ford noted a presentation on hydro marsh modelling and effects due to climate change. He noted a presentation regarding national wetland condition studies by US EPA. Ford said that TMDLs are frequently discussed at these meetings, with nutrients being of particular interest, particularly for east coast NEPs. He said that there was a full day Climate Change Vulnerability Workshop. Follow up to the workshop includes assessing our programs to determine how they address climate change and/or to adjust accordingly to meet this focus as needed/required by US EPA. Member comments and questions revolved around specific examples and clarifying US EPA's requirements and time frame.

Ford reported on the recent Watershed Advisory Council (WAC) meeting earlier in March. He noted a change in format that allowed WAC participants to move to each of the issue “tables” to be able to discuss most/all of the issues. He also noted that an online survey was made available for those who could not make the meeting and the information from the survey will be incorporated into the WAC comments. Ford proceeded to summarize the WAC comments, which will be placed in a document to be circulated to the Governing Board prior to the April or June meeting.

Ford noted the expansion and clarification of the SMB NEP Annual Report as well as a more detailed Baywire that is designed to provide broader, accurate information to the general public. He also noted that the SMBRC website is a resource for frequently-asked-for information.

Ford said the Prop 84 RFP is still being worked on by staff and the RWQCB to better tailor the language, particularly based on EC/GB member input. The process is not yet at the stage for introducing specific projects.

Urban Coast, the SMB NEP’s journal, is now completely on line, including prior issues. Ford hopes to get two more additions out in 2015. He sees it as a vehicle to publish research on various aspects to better inform restoration work. He also noted a May 15 conference at Loyola Marymount University.

### *Agenda Item 3. Executive Committee Business*

#### a. Establish Governing Board Agenda for April

Possible presentations as agenda items were discussed, including the following:

#### Presentation on Culver City Proposition 50 Storm Water Project

Ford noted that a presentation is a requirement of the grant. This will be presented at the April meeting

#### Presentation on Kelp Restoration Project

Ford noted that Governing Board members have asked for this update. This will be presented at another meeting, to be determined.

#### Presentation on Bacterial Source ID Study at Topanga Beach

Susan Nissman suggested speaking with Rosi Dagit about this issue. She briefly walked through the history of the issue and some background on the region. This will be taken up at the April meeting

#### City of Los Angeles Stormwater Master Plan

Joan Cardellino said that the project manager is available to present on this issue. This will be presented at the June meeting.

As noted above these items were placed on the GB agenda for April without objection. (M: Nissman, S: Sikich)

b. Member Comments and Announcements Regarding Matters not on the Agenda

Members discussed various meetings recently attended as well as recent local appointments.

Cardellino noted a Coastal Conservancy hearing on Proposition 1 guidelines on March 20<sup>th</sup>. This will be the last of three meetings held on the proposition. She noted that Prop 1 is much more specific in its guidelines than previous bond measures.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m. without objection. (M: Nissman, S: Sikich)